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28 JUNE 2022

The Honourable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Norse Atlantic UK Limited  
Docket No. DOT-OST-2022-0072

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Gatwick Airport Limited (Gatwick) wishes to express its support for the application for an exemption and foreign air carrier permit filed by Norse Atlantic UK Ltd (Norse UK).

Gatwick is the second largest airport in the United Kingdom, and pre-Covid the eighth busiest in Europe. As we continue to recover our traffic, we are currently the eleventh busiest airport in Europe. We offer a unique perspective as the busiest single runway airport in the world and we operate in the London market where all the major airports (Gatwick, Stansted, Luton, and Heathrow) are now under separate ownership and competing for passengers and airlines. We are a private business – with substantial US ownership - operating in competition, both with the other London airports for passengers and other European airports for airline business. Gatwick enjoys an overall catchment area of some 8 million residents in the London area and serves as an exclusive catchment area in the South-East of England for whom Gatwick is by far the most convenient airport.

In its application, Norse UK has identified Gatwick as its London base from which the airline would like to operate routes to a number of core, unserved and underserved points in the United States from late 2022. Its proposition to offer affordable fares to consumers on Boeing environmentally efficient 787 aircraft will enable some 600,000 passengers to travel between the two countries each year, to the benefit of local communities, consumers, jobs, air connectivity, and the general economy. Norse Atlantic UK's entry into the market is particularly welcome at a time when the industry is looking to recover from the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Gatwick looks forward to the thousands of job opportunities that Norse UK will create in the local area. The carrier's pledge to hire employees directly and to work with a wide range of stakeholders, including union partners, is commendable and evident of the airline's commitment to be a sustainable and vital player in this hugely important market for the long-term.

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For the reasons outlined above, I encourage the Department to approve Norse Atlantic's application swiftly, which will enable Norse Atlantic to begin the much anticipated and welcome transatlantic service between London Gatwick and the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,



Stewart Wingate  
CEO, Gatwick Airport Limited